

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
JANUARY 12, 2016**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 22, 2015. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. The claims against the City from December 4, 2015 to January 7, 2016 were presented to and examined by the board. A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS

Jessica Fulcher, representing the Alzheimer's Association, asked permission to use the river walk and plaza area on September 24, 2016 for the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Set up will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the event beginning at 9:00 a.m. Nancy Eckerle noted that the paper says the start time is at 10:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to permit the Alzheimer's Association to hold a walk on the river walk on September 24, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to noon contingent upon the start time. Motion carried 3-0.

LED LIGHTING SYSTEM

Jasper Electric Manager Jerry Schitter explained why there is a green strand of lights strung from the Dubois County Courthouse to City Hall. He reported that the electric department is testing to replace the lights normally strung for the holidays. The current incandescent lights use more energy, take a lot of labor to install and can only be used twice a year. Not only will electric costs be lower with LEDS, they can be left up year-round and used for more occasions because the new lights will be able to change colors. Schitter added that he hopes local organizations will help fund the new lighting system.

JUNK ASSET

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to junk asset #101552, network equipment switch that is no longer usable and has been replaced.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to junk asset #101552. Motion carried 3-0.

AMMUNITION QUOTES

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett presented the following quotes for ammunition for the year. He said they want to purchase 6 cases of .223 duty ammo, 8 cases of .223 practice ammo, 2 cases of .40 duty ammo, and 8 cases of .40 practice ammo.

Vendor	.223 duty
Jeff's Guns	no quote
Kieslers Supply	\$254 per case x 6 = \$1,524
Great Outdoors	no quote

Vendor	.223 practice
Jeff's Guns	\$254 per case
Kieslers Supply	\$176 per case x 8 = \$1,408
Great Outdoors	\$203 per case

Vendor	.40 duty
Jeff's Guns	no quote
Kieslers Supply	\$501 per case x 2 = \$1,002
Great Outdoors	no quote

Vendor	.40 practice
Jeff's Guns	\$798 per case
Kieslers Supply	\$329 per case
Great Outdoors	\$314 per case x 8 = \$2,512

Bennett said Kieslers Supply submitted the low quote for three categories and The Great Outdoors was low quote for one category. The total amount of the low quotes is \$6,446.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to accept the ammunition quotes for 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

POLICE VEHICLES

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to send out a bid packet for two police vehicles.

A motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to allow the chief to send out bid packets for two police vehicles. Motion carried 3-0.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said three volunteer firefighters have completed their one year probationary period. He recommended changing the status for Leighton Hochgesang from probationary to regular firefighter and extending the probationary period for three months for Tyler Crays and Henry Calderon.

Mayor Seitz said he would not be in favor of granting additional time for the two probationary firefighters should they not advance in their training over the next three months.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to change Leighton Hochgesang's status from probationary firefighter to full firefighter. Motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to follow the chief's recommendation and allow three additional months probation for Tyler Crays and Henry Calderon. Motion carried 3-0.

AXIOM MARKETING CONTRACT

Mayor Seitz asked the board to approve the annual Spirit of Jasper train marketing contract with Axiom Marketing for \$21,350.00. He added this amount is in line with 2015 expenditures and that it is for media only. Additional contracts for media production or collateral materials may occur.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept Axiom's contract for \$21,350.00. Motion carried 3-0.

LAND CHOPPERS AT PARKLANDS

Mayor Seitz said the National Guard would like to land a chopper on the south side of the Parklands on January 23, 2016.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to grant the National Guard permission to land a helicopter at the Parklands on the 23rd of January. Motion carried 3-0.

SCHEDULE EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the Plan Commission recommended to the Board of Public Works and Safety to proceed with litigation against the Planning Workshop. Kabrick recommended scheduling an executive session at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 right before the regular Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to set an executive session at 7:30 a.m. on January 26, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 26th day of January, 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer